

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Prime Minister's Office
Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)
"Support to Capacity Building of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority" Project
BDBL Bhaban (Level-15), 12 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Memo No: 03.761.11.01.14.102.2016- 2485

Date: 18 October 2016

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
for selection of Consulting Services-Firm for Pre-feasibility Study of Five Economic Zones (BEZA S-101)

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority.		
3	Procuring Entity	Project Director, Support to Capacity Building of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Project		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Expression of Interest for the selection of	Consulting Services – Firm		
7	EOI Ref. No.	03.761.11.01.14.102.2016-2485		
8	Date	18 October 2016		
9	Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)		
10	Budget and Sources of Funds	Additional Financing for Private Sector Development Support Project (IDA Credit No. 5769-BD)		
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA)		
13	Project Name	Support to Capacity Building of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Project		
14	EOI Closing Date & Time	28 November 2016 at 4-00 PM		
15	Qualification and Experience of the Firm	<p>The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received a loan from IDA Additional Finance (IDA Credit no. 5769-BD) for "Support to Capacity Building of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority" and it is intended to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to appoint a reputed International Consultant-Firm for conducting Pre-Feasibility Study of Five Economic Zones such as (i) Gopalgonj EZ-2 located at Gopalgonj Sadar Upazila, Gopalgonj; (ii) Khulna EZ-1 located at Batiaghata Upazila, Khulna; (iii) Feni EZ located at Sonagazi Upazila, Feni, (iv) Maheshkhali EZ located at Kalarmarchara, Maheshkhali Upazila, Cox's Bazar and (v) Maheshkhali SEZ-4 located at Ghotibhanga-Sonadia, Maheshkhali Upazila, Cox's Bazar.</p> <p>The Consultant-Firm should have the following experience:</p> <p>At least 10 (Ten) years of experience in feasibility studies, demand surveys, financial economic technical social and environmental assessments preferably with developing economic/industrial zones, large size industrial parks, or export processing zones. The firm should also have experience of implementation, knowledge and understanding of the operation of industrial zones or EPZs, verifiable success in the delivery of high-quality outputs within time and budget constraints.</p> <p>The firms may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "joint-venture", or of "sub-consultancy". All members of such association should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms/institutes in the association to three.</p>		
16	Basis of EOI Review:	EOIs will be reviewed for preparation of a shortlist on the basis of (a) Registration year/Age of the firm; (b) Availability of appropriate skills among staffs; (c) Demonstrated capacity to handle such assignment; (d) Experience in similar tasks; (e) Financial solvency.		
17	Major elements of the Assignment	<p>Activities include, but not limited to the following:</p> <p>Independent pre-feasibility studies for each zone will be required. Each pre-feasibility study will be comprised of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of existing studies, information, laws and policies;• Competitiveness Analysis of EZs with benchmarking against 6 regional and global locations highlighting individual competitive advantages;• Transport Assessment reviewing existing conditions and constraints and identifying potential opportunities to make each site a multi-modal transport platform;• Industry/Market Assessment with detailed sector profiles for each site which should be site specific, not for Bangladesh as a whole;• Demand Forecast for 20-year prepared for each Economic Zone site;• Market strategy that complements the development strategy for each Economic Zone's site;• Site Assessment, best practice master plan, permitted land use and a phasing plan for each site;• Prepare an overview of necessary off-site infrastructure needs/improvements and on-site infrastructure drawings for each EZ master plan in order for each site to be successful;• Environmental and Social Footprint (including resettlement, if required) of each site with mitigation and management plans proposed for key problems;• Institutional Framework best suited for each site including a description of the management framework and staff profiles; and• Economic and Financial Modelling with sensitivity tests for each Economic Zone site illustrating economic and social benefits (ERR) and internal rate of return (IRR).		
18	Expected Team of Experts	i) Team Leader, ii) Industry Sector Expert(s), iii) EZ Master Planning Expert, iv) Infrastructure Expert, v) Environmental Expert, vi) Social Expert, vii) Financial Expert. However, the consultant may include some non-key experts, if required.		
19	Package Details	Locations	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
	BEZA S-101: Pre-Feasibility study of Five Economic Zones.	(i) Gopalgonj EZ-2 located at Gopalgonj Sadar Upazila, Gopalgonj; (ii) Khulna EZ-1 located at Batiaghata Upazila, Khulna; (iii) Feni EZ located at Sonagazi Upazila, Feni, (iv) Maheshkhali EZ located at Kalarmarchara, Maheshkhali Upazila, Cox's Bazar and (v) Maheshkhali SEZ-4 located at Ghotibhanga-Sonadia, Maheshkhali Upazila, Cox's Bazar	1 st March 2017 or before	31 st August 2017
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
20	Name of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Md. Harunur Rashid, Project Director		
21	Address of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Support to Capacity Building of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Project, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority.		
22	Contact Details of Official	Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: Office of the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority BDBL Bhaban (Level-15), 12 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215 Phone: (+880-2) 8180170, Fax No: (+880-2) 8180172 E-mail: capacityproject@beza.gov.bd		
23	(1) Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs. (2) Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedure set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011, Revised July 2014).			

Md. Harunur Rashid
Project Director (Joint Secretary)